

Campgrounds Will Be Attraction

The matter of the city campgrounds which was given an impetus at the Tuesday evening council meeting is one which is of great importance to the people and merchants of Ashland. When we consider the number of people who in years past have camped along the road at the foot of Jackson hill and who, while they intended to stay only for a single night, were drawn by the beauty of the Ashland country to stay for a much longer period, anyone can easily see the drawing card and advertisement which a beautiful campgrounds along Ashland creek would have for the hundreds of tourists who pass through every summer.

The present plans for campgrounds include the installation of city water and sewer connection on the grounds on Water street which have been set aside for the wagon campers and a commodious and well arranged auto campgrounds.

Such grounds are sure to draw great numbers of tourists who will stop here and who cannot help but be so attracted by the surroundings so as to make a long stay. These campers will require supplies and will patronize the local amusements and will be of direct financial benefit to the community.

Present plans include the placing of signs along the highways for great distances both north and south, informing the campers of the stopping place at Ashland. After the grounds have been once established, every tourist of this kind who stops here will spread word of "the beautiful grounds at Ashland" farther and faster than other means.

Anyone who has traveled by team or auto knows the lack of decent places to camp along the main roads and a stopping place here is bound to become a widely known fact.

New City Jail Will Be Built

At the suggestion of Mayor Johnson at the council meeting Tuesday night the matter of establishing jail quarters at the Fourth street fire station was considered favorably. The mayor proposes to put a concrete front in the Fourth street station and install two steel cages. The whole expense will not exceed five or six hundred dollars and will supply a strictly fireproof jail that can be kept sanitary and will meet the requirements of the state law. The old jail in the city hall does not come up to legal requirements of safety and sanitation and the city now stands a great liability every time a prisoner is incarcerated, for if the structure should be burned and injury result to the prisoner the city would be up against big damages.

It is proposed to tear the jail room from the city hall, put a new front in it like the ones in the chief of police and electrician's rooms, extend the room back through the building so it will have air and ventilation, finish it in fine style and utilize it for a ladies' rest room.

The chief of police office will be installed on Fourth street at the jail and the room now occupied by him turned over for an office for the springs water commission.

This proposed improvement is along the right line. It is part of a general scheme to prepare for the big development that will come from water resort development. A committee composed of Ware, Biegel and Ashcraft was appointed to put the project forward.

Bond Interest Made Payable New York

The council passed a resolution Tuesday night instructing the mayor and recorder to enter into contract with R. P. Neil whereby the city agrees to deliver payment of interest and principal on the auxiliary bonds at the fiscal agency of the state of Oregon in New York city. This change has been a general demand on the part of investors proposing to purchase the Ashland bonds and will no doubt result in the balance of the bonds being sold to eastern investors at par and interest, so there will be no loss either to the local syndicate or the city.

Don't overlook the White House Grocery sugar special advertised on page five.

Siskiyou Bill Passes House

House Bill 390, introduced by Vawter of Jackson and authorizing the highway commission to complete the Siskiyou grade between Oregon and California, was passed by the house last Tuesday by a practically unanimous vote. The measure provides that the highway commission can expend one-fourth of the regular levy for good roads on this work, which if the one-half mill levy passes would give a maximum of about \$90,000. Engineers estimate to complete a hard surface over the Siskiyou would cost from \$125,000 to \$150,000, depending upon the width and class of the pavement.

The bill must pass the senate and under present conditions it is difficult to predict what will be the outcome. The supporters of the bill, however, with the strong support in the house are sanguine as to the outcome. If the one-fourth mill levy is maintained about \$45,000 will be available.

Southern Pacific Getting Busy

John M. Scott, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific Company, was in Ashland Wednesday in conference with the springs water commission regarding publicity for the project. He will now put his advertising department to work on this subject and Ashland will be henceforth put forward as the "Carlsbad of America."

Incidentally the hotel matter was gone into to some extent and Mr. Pollock of the S. P. dining car service will take that matter up systematically and no doubt something will soon develop along that line. It will require about three acres of land located in good relation to the park, but not on the main streets, for the hotel site, and Ashland will be expected to supply that land. As a fine hotel like the one to be built will add five hundred per cent to the value of the land abutting on the hotel grounds, owners will no doubt be glad to provide a site in order to have the hotel located where it will do their property the most good. Either property on Granite street, First avenue or thereabouts will be acceptable for the hotel, although too high up the hill will not be desirable.

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For one week we offer you reduced prices on trunks, suitcases and traveling bags. Going to the fair? Buy this week, 500 extra votes. See our sale ad.
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"Where You Do Better."

A bill passed the house at the Salem legislature which makes the salary of men and women teachers the same when they are handling the same class of work. The bill was championed by Marian Towne.

S. P. County Taxes Total \$71,243.30

According to the figures of Chief Deputy Tax Collector G. R. Harper, the amount of taxes to be paid by the Southern Pacific Company for their rolling stock and equipment in Jackson county amounts to \$71,243.30. The taxes on the land belonging to the railroad company in this county amount to something over \$70,000, but because of the fact that these holdings are in litigation the railroad company refuses to pay the taxes unless the case now pending in the supreme court of the United States is settled in their favor.

A new office system of tax collecting, similar to the one used in Multnomah county, has been inaugurated. By the use of the new system the expense of collection is reduced and better service can be given. As soon as something definite has been learned of the new taxation law now before the house, Mr. Harper will prepare a statement giving an outline as to the amount collected and when taxes may be paid.

Physicians of Ashland have organized for the purpose of securing the most complete possible data regarding the medicinal properties of the Ashland mineral waters.

J. R. Ellison returned to Portland last Tuesday evening. He was down on business connected with Chautauqua work, in which he is prominent.

Council Transacts Business Of Considerable Importance

The city council met in regular session last Tuesday evening and transacted a goodly amount of routine business. The meeting was called to order by Councilman Cunningham and the minutes of the previous meeting read. Mayor Johnson then arrived and took the chair, making a full attendance. Chief of Police Porter, Electrical Superintendent Strickland, Engineer Walker and Street Commissioner Fraley were among those present.

A matter of the purchasing of meters, globes and so forth by the electric department was passed favorably.

The purchase of some water supplies was brought up by Councilman Ashcraft and acted favorably upon.

The city attorney was instructed to codify the charter, which is in a rather mixed and superannuated state.

A bill from H. G. Butterfield for a few days' work was brought up and passed.

Mrs. Lamkin and Mrs. Graham were present, representing the Ladies' Federated Clubs of Ashland and, more specifically, the cemetery committee of the clubs. Speaking for the city, Mrs. Lamkin secured the assistance of the council in the work and brought to light several matters regarding Mountain View cemetery, which are set forth in another column of this issue.

Mr. Greer brought up a proposition in regard to technicalities attached to the bond matter. The proposition was acted upon favorably and is reported elsewhere in this paper.

F. H. Johnson brought up a matter of a crossing on Bush street, saying that he wanted to fix up the park row in front of his property but could not do so until the crossing was fixed so that rains would not cause water to dig up the park row. The street commissioner was instructed to fix the crossing. At the same time Councilman Werth mentioned the crossing at Laurel street of the alley which extends from the school yard to Laurel street, and stated that he thought the alley was private property but that it could be made city property for the asking. The engineer and attorney were requested to attend to the matter of securing a quit claim. While on these matters of problems that must be attended to in order that the general beautification can be carried on, the mayor stated that he hoped

Autos Collide at Main and Church

The autos of Merle Robertson and W. E. Blake are laid up in the result of a collision of the two at the corner of Church and Main streets Monday evening. Robertson came down Church street and was turning to go up Main. Blake was coming down Main street and neither saw the other until too late to avoid the collision.

Mr. Robertson had Fern Beeler in the car with him and Mr. Blake was alone. None of the occupants of the cars were hurt beyond a severe shaking up.

Robertson's car came out a little the best of the mix, not being badly damaged except that the fender and gas tank on the left side were torn off and the rear wheel splintered. Mr. Blake's car had the front end smashed in, the lamps ruined and the frame bent.

Try Enders' big store first.

Ashland to Meet Cottage Grove

The Ashland high school's undefeated basketball team will meet Cottage Grove high school team at the high school gymnasium tonight and Saturday night in what promises to be a real test of the locale's speed and fight. Cottage Grove and Medford are the only teams in the southern half of the state who can contest Ashland's supremacy, and the boys are determined to uphold their season's record and defeat the Cottage Grove boys. Fast and interesting preliminaries have been arranged and a big attendance is expected. The games will start at the usual time.

See the beautiful woolsens and styles for ladies' garments at Orres' shop.

that a great number of people would come before the council with such matters which they noticed which required attention, and assured the co-operation of the council.

The attention of the council was called to the flooded condition of the lot back of the Oregon Hotel and the matter was referred to the sanitary committee. Several other minor sanitary matters were brought up and referred to the committee.

Mayor Johnson then brought up the matter which is becoming more important as summer draws near, that of the camp grounds. Mr. Johnson made an appeal for the work on the grounds and the placing of signs to be rushed. He appointed as a committee for the work Councilmen Ware, Cornelius and Ashcraft, together with Chairman Greer of the springs commission and F. E. Watson of the park board.

The recorder was instructed to pay the electric light interest which falls due next month, the amount being \$843.75.

Engineer Walker brought up an item which he had noticed on the city's property on the Boulevard where there was a five-foot drop from the sidewalk into a slough and the council instructed the special committee in charge of this property to attend to having a fence put in.

The reading of ordinances was next in order.

The fortune-telling ordinance, making it a misdemeanor to tell fortunes for pay and setting the fine for the same, was passed to the second reading.

The theatre license ordinance was passed.

An ordinance regarding prize fighting was read for the first time.

The ordinance which has been hanging fire for weeks regarding the driving and leading of stock was passed to the second reading after an amendment had been added, the rules were suspended and the ordinance passed. Details of the new requirements are published elsewhere.

The opinion of the city attorney on the title to the Yarbrough place was read and the sale consummated.

The vote at the recent election was canvassed.

The matter of a change in the offices of the chief of police and the location of the city jail was brought up and is discussed elsewhere.

Good Publicity Plan Suggested

Mrs. Ira Shoudy comes forward with a splendid advertising suggestion. She proposes that Ashland ladies write short letters about our watering resort developments and send them to the back home papers for publication. The old home paper would be glad to print such a letter and Ashland would get a lot of advertising out of it. Her suggestion will be presented to the ladies' clubs and no doubt favorable action will be taken on it. Here is the practical effect: Estimate that Ashland's present population is composed of persons from one thousand different communities throughout the United States and each has such a letter printed in the old home paper. No doubt our development would be brought to the attention of half a million people who know little of our possibilities. It all helps.

Phone job orders to the Tidings.

School Survey Is Under Way

The survey of the Ashland schools has been under way during this week. Fred C. Ayer, professor of education from the University of Oregon at Eugene, and Charles R. Frazer, superintendent of the Everett schools, have been conducting the work so far, which has been along educational lines. Tomorrow Don Sowers of the University of Oregon will arrive to help with the financial part of the survey. Mr. Sowers is a financial expert and was buying agent for the city of New York for a long time.

Hurry. Why? Because you get ten cents off on every pound of Golden Gate coffee bought this week at Holmes Bros.

Andrews Opera Co. Will Appear Here

The famous Andrews Opera Company, which for many years has been hailed as the leading musical organization of its kind on the coast, has been reorganized and will make its appearance in Ashland on the evening of March 9. The company will present the opera "Martha" under the auspices of the local lodge of Elks. The company will number among them, besides the members of the Andrews family, who need no introduction to Ashland people, Salvatore Giorando, leading tenor formerly with the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York and sang with such artists as Caruso, Scotti and others of like world renown. They will also have Julia Zumwalt and Mr. Kirkoff, famed throughout the country as opera stars.

The libretto of "Martha" has been revised by George Broadhurst so as to bring out the serio-comic part by spoken lines, and the opera in its present shape is bound to please.

Boosters Banquet Week From Friday

On Friday evening, February 26, the members of the Ashland Commercial Club and the Ladies' Improvement Club will gather in the banquet room of the Elks hall and sit down to a banquet which will go down in the history of Ashland. Work on the springs development will be under way by that time, and while the meeting will be partly one of celebration, it is the main intention that plans may be laid at the banquet for future activities which will make a gold rush look like a Memorial day parade.

Speakers from Ashland and the outside will be in attendance. The ladies will tell of their plans and other numbers will be put on the program of events later. The Ashland-Talent band will furnish music.

The ladies of the club hope to have 100 members by that evening and the Commercial Club will have 400 members gathered around the board.

Now is the time to get aboard the great ship "Booster" and get behind and push, boost and shove until the ship has gathered sufficient headway to ride over all opposition to the forward movement of Ashland.

Tickets will be obtainable at the secretary's office and every stranger, newcomer and old-timer is urged to be on hand.

George Stephenson has instituted foreclosure proceedings on the old Opera House property at the corner of Main and First avenue. The property was bought by E. A. Estes some time ago and the depression of values in the past year gave him no encouragement for building. It is to be hoped that some one finally gets control of the old ruin and removes one of the eyesores from Ashland streets.

Ladies Secure Aid For Cemetery Work

Mesdames Lamkin and Graham, representing the cemetery committee of the ladies' clubs of Ashland, appeared before the council Tuesday evening and asked the aid of the council in the work of beautifying Mountain View cemetery. Councilman Cornelius of the council's committee on cemeteries said that he had conferred with the ladies of the committee and asked that the council appropriate \$100 for the work. The amount was appropriated and the cemetery committee of the council will aid the ladies in every way in its power in the work of beautification.

Councilman Cunningham brought up the matter of appraisal of the different lots, stating that some were naturally more valuable than others, and the matter was referred to the cemetery committee.

Mountain View cemetery has always been neglected more or less, but now that the ladies have taken hold of the matter the once desolate spot will soon become one of Ashland's beauty places.

The high school domestic science class under the guidance of Miss Goff visited the meat shops of the town Tuesday and were shown the different cuts of meat and taught concerning their value. The school people wish to thank the meat men for the courtesy extended them.

Harmony Concert Lyceum Course

The Elks Club of Ashland has been instrumental in securing for Ashland during the past winter the finest lyceum course that has ever been obtained for this city. Every lyceum entertainment has been greeted with a crowded house and the audiences have highly appreciated each and every one. For the final entertainment for next Monday evening, February 22, the Elks present what they believe to be the highest grade organization of all, and that means a great deal, as the preceding entertainments have been topnotchers. The Harmony Concert Party, composed of four famed artists, each of whom has a specialty and who in addition plays several other instruments wonderfully well, will put on a musical program of solos and combinations which will please old and young. The personnel of the company is: Mr. McNemery, mandolin, banjo, saxophone and xylophone; Mrs. McNemery, piano, mandolin and xylophone; Alois Bonhumil Hrabak, flute, banjo, violin and xylophone; H. Calvin Jordan, harp, piano, mandocello and banjo.

Every one of these artists has had years of experience in the biggest orchestras of the United States and Europe and all are pupils of the most famous teachers. To miss this concert will give cause for regret for years to come, as such an assemblage of real artists has not been together before in the history of American music.

Exposition Contestants, Notice.
Two thousand extra votes for all new subscribers turned into the Tidings office tomorrow (Friday) only. Two dollars for one year's subscription must be turned in with the subscription, to get the extra count.

Cattle Must be Kept Off Main Streets

In accordance with the measures included in the ordinance passed Tuesday evening by the city council, in the future it will be a punishable offense to drive stock through the streets of the city except over certain streets named by the council. When boiled down the ordinance means that no one may drive stock on the streets west of Mountain avenue but must drive down that street or streets east of it to Stock avenue, which runs across the railroad land on the north side of the tracks and by which access can be gained to Oak street and the stockyards. Coming in from the north end, Oak street to the stockyards must be used.

No cattle may be led through the part of town from Water street to the end of the Boulevard on Main street or in front of the school houses.

However, the ordinance provides that a non-resident of the city shall not be subject to fine for violation of the act when he can show that he was unfamiliar with such an ordinance. This clause protects campers and others traveling through.

H. A. Scullen, former Ashland boy, graduate of the local high school in 1909 and of the University of Oregon in 1913, is now associated with the faculty of the Iowa Agricultural College at Ames. Specifically he is professor in the department of zoology. The Scullen family still retain their residence property here on Vista street.

Millinery Department Added to Store

The ladies of Ashland will be delighted to learn that H. G. Enders & Son have added a high-class city milliner to their organization and will put her in complete charge of a millinery department which will be second to none in this part of the state. Miss M. Armstrong of Portland will attend to the millinery wants of the patrons of the big store, and anyone who has had the pleasure of dealing with the young lady will take pleasure in recommending her to the ladies of Ashland as a pleasing and accommodating young lady who is an artist along millinery lines. Trimmed and untrimmed hats of the latest fashion and modes will be on display in the millinery section and the ladies of the city are cordially invited to come in and look over the displays.